

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8 and 10 have been amended herein to correct matters of form and clarity. No new matter has been added by way of the present claim amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In response to the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions in the last Office Action on pages 2-3. Accordingly, each of the Examiner's concerns has been fully addressed. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-14. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the pending application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Reg. No. 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: November 30, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

By  _____

MTL Andrew D. Meikle
Registration No.: 32,868
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP
8110 Gatehouse Road
Suite 100 East
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000
Attorney for Applicant